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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Rumors of Soviet Military Pressures on
Rumania

1. A rash of reports and rumors have appeared suggesting that the Soviet Union is about to apply military pressures to Rumania. These reports are summarized with comments at annex. Some of the reports allege that Warsaw Pact forces are about to enter Rumania in considerable numbers. Others report signs that a Warsaw Pact exercise is to take place on Rumanian soil this month. Some report that the Soviets and Rumanians have been negotiating over Soviet demands that Soviet troops be stationed in Rumania and that Warsaw Pact exercises be held there soon.

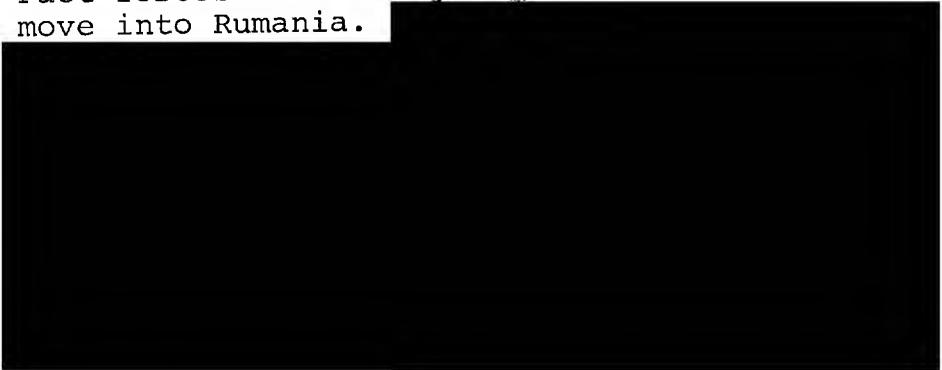
2. General evaluation: There has been no sign of a recent hardening of the Soviet attitude toward Rumania. Both Mazurov, the deputy premier who gave the November anniversary speech, and Brezhnev, in his address to the Polish party congress, held to the hard post-August line on the obligations of Warsaw Pact members and the limitations on the sovereignty of individual members. Brezhnev also alluded to projected measures designed to strengthen the structure of the Warsaw Pact. These strictures were clearly angled toward the Rumanians as much as anyone else. Nevertheless, Rumania has not come in for special or concerted propaganda attack.

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3. We believe that if the Soviets were planning soon to take severe and far-reaching action against Rumania, such as invasion or even forcing them to permit a large-scale military exercise on Rumanian territory, there would be some propaganda preparation. Thus, we conclude that in this area the indications are negative.

4. A few indications of unusual military activity have been received--a Bulgarian military alert, possible Rumanian exercises so late in the year, and a movement of some Soviet transport aircraft.

5. We would expect to receive more indications than these if Soviet and other Warsaw Pact forces were being readied for an imminent move into Rumania.



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6. Some kind of early joint exercise activity on a minor scale is possible. Reports from Bucharest indicate that Warsaw Pact officers now are meeting in Bucharest to plan an exercise, but so far there is no indication of the timing. Earlier reports from reliable quarters had indicated that the Rumanians agreed under some Soviet pressure to host Warsaw Pact exercises early in 1969.

Annex

